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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Eveline Deabel and the late
4 Deacon Ray Deabel on the occasion of receiving the 2015 Courage
5 Award from Franciscan St. James Health; and

6 WHEREAS, The Courage Award is given to those who show great
7 courage and love while battling a life-threatening illness or
8 while showing extraordinary support for a family member through
9 a life-threatening illness; and

10 WHEREAS, Evie Deabel and her husband, the late Deacon Ray
11 Deabel, together faced Ray's diagnosis of cancer with dignity
12 and bravery; throughout that time, they were fixtures at
13 Franciscan St. James Health, showing their love and care for
14 other patients in spite of the fact that Ray was undergoing
15 radical treatment to battle the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, With a sense of compassion and always with a smile
17 on his face, Ray Deabel continued to perform his duties as a
18 chaplain at the hospital, while Evie Deabel worked as a guest
19 services representative; at last year's hospital gala, Ray took
20 the stage to honor his oncologist and longtime friend, Dr.
21 Srinivasan, despite the pain he himself was in at the time; and

1 WHEREAS, When Ray Deabel passed away in March of 2015, his
2 loss left a hole in the heart of St. James; today, Evie Deabel
3 continues to work at the hospital, sharing Ray's story and
4 being a shining beacon of what it means to have courage and
5 faith in the face of adversity; and

6 WHEREAS, Evie and Ray Deabel serve as models of hard work,
7 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
8 Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 recognize Eveline Deabel and the late Deacon Ray Deabel on the
12 occasion of receiving the 2015 Courage Award from Franciscan
13 St. James Health and thank them for the example of courage and
14 service they have provided for the people of this State; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Evie Deabel as a symbol of our esteem and respect.